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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re-Application of:

Schlichting

Serial No.: 10/757,354

Confirmation No.: 3325

Filed: January 14, 2004

For: Charged Particle Beam Device for  
Inspecting or Structuring a Specimen

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Group Art Unit: 2881

Examiner: Kiet Tuan Nguyen

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2004**

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 8, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ ZIMR/0008/AOP, \$18.00 for excess claim fees and any other amount required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.